

VICTIM JUSTICE SECTION

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EXAM MENTORING (UC) PROGRAM

Program Description

The purpose of the Child Sexual Abuse Exam Mentoring Program is to provide training and assistance to specific child sexual abuse examination sites, and eventually throughout California, thereby expanding the resources, expertise, and information available to benefit the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases. It will provide a coordinated statewide peer review network utilizing professionals with expertise to provide mentoring and supervision for those who are new or less experienced. Initially, four examination sites will be provided the necessary telecommunications equipment, training, assistance, and mentoring.

Eligibility

UC Davis is the only eligible agency.

Authorized By

Federal Children's Justice Act Task Force/California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

Federal Children's Justice Act - \$100,000

Grant Award Period

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

This grant is funded for three years and is not in a competitive cycle.

Additional Program Information

A Case Review Protocol will be developed for conducting case reviews and participating in case reviews on a regular basis. Through the mentoring and the case review protocol, this program will aid in the standard interpretations and understanding of the forensic review, and will improve the handling of child sexual abuse cases, limiting additional trauma to the child victim and family regarding the exams and their interpretation.

How Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Victim Justice Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.